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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Mar-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/03/01	02/24/01
BRO-FRY	*152,244	149,551
LT HENS	*1,873	1,882
HVY HENS	*1,340	1,348

* CORRECTION *

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 17-Feb-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
	17-Feb-01	24-Feb	17-Feb-01	24-Feb	17-Feb-01	24-Feb
HEAD	580	451	21	0	601	451
LAST WEEK	436	580	7	21	443	601
SAME WK YR AGO	599	533	0	0	599	533
TO DATE 2001	3,735	4,186	48	48	3,783	4,234
TO DATE 2000	4,038	4,571	27	27	4,065	4,598

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
	17-Feb-01	24-Feb	17-Feb-01	24-Feb	17-Feb-01	24-Feb
HEAD	2,165	2,384	1,508	1,353	3,673	3,621
LAST WEEK	2,392	2,165	1,353	1,305	3,745	3,673
SAME WK YR AGO	2,585	2,448	1,335	1,384	3,920	3,797
TO DATE 2001	16,369	18,753	8,932	7,424	25,301	28,922
TO DATE 2000	18,267	20,715	9,328	7,993	27,595	31,392

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 24-FEB-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	147,690 (A)	1,933	1,237	3,170
AVG WT	4.99	3.35	7.82	5.09
LAST WEEK	150,590	1,585	1,487	3,072
SAME WEEK YR AGO	152,233	1,915	1,349	3,264
AVG WT	4.97	3.42	7.99	5.31
TO-DATE/2001	1,191,392	14,567	10,121	24,688
TO-DATE/2000	1,228,518	16,144	10,650	26,794

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.5 million head or 2.1 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING February 17, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	38,380	25,284	44,430
AVG WEIGHT	3.85	4.74	6.04
% OF TOTAL /1	36%	23%	41%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	35,049	21,803	46,960
AVG WEIGHT	3.91	4.79	5.99
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	21%	45%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	40,609	27,780	37,913
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.83	6.16
% OF TOTAL /1	38%	26%	36%
TO DATE/2001	238,448	181,196	315,191
TO DATE/2000	237,680	206,725	284,220

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-FEB-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,969	2,697	22	13	4,734
AVG WT	16.03	34.31	24.91	25.19	26.57
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,956	2,682	29	17	4,684
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,350 (C)		2	58	5,410
AVG WT	25.67 (C)		24.00	25.40	25.67
TO-DATE/2001	36,094 (C)		267	114	36,475
TO-DATE/2000	36,132 (C)		39	304	36,475

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000 for the year 267,000; last year to date 39,000.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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